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Council tax to be frozen in borough

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire will see a slight decrease in their total council tax bill this year.

The total council tax bill for an average Band D property (excluding parish council precepts) will be £1,486.25 compared to £1,505.43 last year.

The borough council has frozen its council tax for the fourth successive year and has announced schemes it says are aimed at regenerating the economy and protecting the environment.

Councillor David Westley, portfolio holder for resources, said: "With the difficult financial climate we appreciate that many families are going through hard times, so we have decided there will be no increase in our Council Tax again for the fourth year running.

"West Lancashire Borough Council has seen the lowest percentage increase in council tax in the last 12 years of any of the 12 districts in Lancashire.

"We must reduce our spending and improve our income generation as the government is reducing our funding while many costs are rising.

"But with forward planning and prudent financial management we have been able to save money without reducing services. This also means we can introduce new schemes to benefit the people of West Lancashire.

"These include setting up a scheme to fund up to £1million of improvements to our commercial properties, which include industrial units and retail units in

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BRUTE SLICED OFF MAN'S EAR IN MOB ATTACK

Anthony Doran has been jailed for 12 years.

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MAN who deliberately sliced off the top of another man's ear during a brutal gang attack has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

Jailing 33–year–old Anthony Doran the judge, Recorder Tania Griffiths, QC, described it as "a horrific attack" and said that but for the police arriving on the scene it could have been even more vicious.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that before the gang ran off after the sustained attack the victim's trousers and underpants had been pulled down and one of the gang had threatened to cut off his 'privates.'

Doran, of Marlborough Gardens, Ashurst, Skelmersdale, had been convicted by a jury of wounding James Lloyd with intent after a trial.

Charlotte Kenny, prosecuting, said the key witness was a 15–year–old schoolgirl who was awoken at about 4.30am on October 22, 2011 by the sound of men shouting outside the window of her home in the Bellfield area of Skelmersdale.

From her vantage point she witnessed "what can only be described as a savage and mob handed attack by a group of men upon another as he lay prone and helpless on the floor," she said.

They were stamping on his face and kicking him and Doran knelt down next to him and asked the others to stop kicking so he could talk to him. But instead, after telling his companions, 'watch this', he used a knife to slice off the top of the victim's ear.

The group then continued to kick Mr Lloyd as he lay in a pool of blood and only ran off when someone shouted that the police were coming, said Miss Kenny.

The victim, who recalled running after leaving a club where the gang had also been drinking, remembered being hit by something to the back of his head which caused him to fall and then being kicked in the face.

The next thing he remembered was waking up at Southport Hospital.

Doran, formerly of Fairhaven, Skelmersdale, was arrested later the same day and blood from the victim was found on his T–shirt, jeans and trainers. Doran denied being an assailant and said he had been trying to help Mr Lloyd which was how his blood got onto his clothing.

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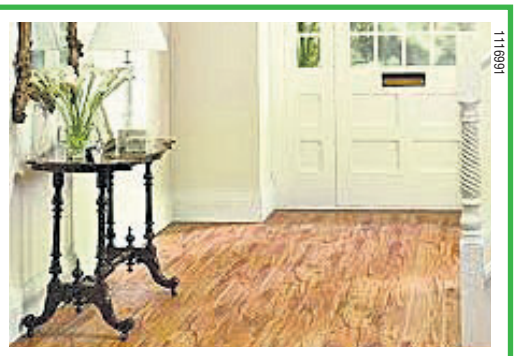

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Blue recycling bins to replace boxes and more cash for clean–up projects

Report by **Henry James**

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Skelmersdale. This aims to create jobs for West Lancashire by attracting new businesses to the area and encouraging existing ones to expand."

The council has also agreed to invest £360,000 in a new blue recycling bin scheme. A pilot scheme will be launched to give people the option of having a blue wheelie bin for recycled waste to replace the current blue box.

Another £100,000 has been earmarked for spending on improving drainage at Abbey Lane playing fields. These are popular with local sports clubs but they have been unable to use the pitches since last September due to flooding. This money will be used to attract external funding to help bring the pitches back into use.

A further £50,000 per year has been agreed to continue the council's business engagement officer post for the next two years. This person will work with businesses to encourage and support the recruitment of apprentices.

The funding also allows the council to take on an apprentice to work with the business engagement officer and by contributing to the Challenge project, will be able to support other organisations to do the same.

The West Lancashire Challenge project has seen 153 apprentices start in its first 21 months. The target had been for 50 apprentices to start over two years.

Other budget decisions include:

• £90,000 for environmental improvements and clean–up projects. The money will be used to tidy up round the Skelmersdale bandstand, on improvement works by the River Tawd, to provide a new entrance feature for Richmond Park in Burscough, and for works on a footpath in Banks.

• £50,000 for works aimed at preventing flooding on roads and underpasses in Skelmersdale over the next three years

• £24,000 for improving the area in front of Skelmersdale War Memorial

• No increase in parking charges on pay and display car parks for 2013/14

• Some other fees and charges will increase in line with inflation e.g fees for sports pitches, pest control and licensing charges

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Peter Carter looks at the pavement danger near his Inglewhite home Code NA

Plea to fix sunken paving slabs hazard

Report by **Henry James**

A DISABLED pensioner is calling on the council to fix the sunken paving slabs outside her Inglewhite home which she believes could cause a serious injury.

Pauline Carter, told the Champion that if you stand on these slabs one end goes up several inches while the other end goes down by that amount.

The 69–year–old said: "The paving slabs have sunk and for some reason there is nothing directly under them.

"They are now very dangerous and people could trip on them and someone could be badly hurt.

"If an elderly person stood on it, they could end up with a broken hip. People don't realise how dangerous they are."

Mrs Carter first noticed the problem on Wednesday, February 27 and she added: "I phoned Lancashire County Council on Wednesday, twice on Thursday, once on Friday and again on Monday. I was told it was not a high priority.

"A friend has also reported the problem but had to wait 10 to 15 minutes on the phone to get through to someone."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council was not able to comment as the Champion went to press.

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Pensioner accused of molesting two girls

A 77–year–old man accused of sexually molesting two girls appeared at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday (Tuesday).

Donald Cameron, of Hallcroft, Skelmersdale, is alleged to have assaulted the victims, who are now aged 15 and 31, between 1992 and 2004. He faces a total of 15 charges.

He was further remanded on bail until June 11 when he is due to enter his pleas and a date for his trial, expected to last three to four days, was fixed to begin on August 5.

Dance group in talent contest final

A DANCE troupe from West Lancashire are celebrating after reaching the regional finals of a national talent contest. Members of Lost Future Crew, an all–styles dance group who meet at the Tanhouse Community Centre in Skelmersdale, told The Champion they have reached the regional finals of Britain Does Variety, a nationwide show looking for the most talented artists and performers. The winners of the show, organised by the executive producer of the Royal Variety Performance, will be given the chance to perform in front of thousands of people at the O2 Arena in London.

Skelmersdale s Lost Future Dance Crew. Code1057053

Children to fly kites with messages against hunger

Report by **Henry James**

MORE than a hundred Skelmersdale children are using hand–made kites to campaign for a world where there is enough food for everyone in an event organised by the Northern Kite Group.

Fifty five pupils from Dalton St Michael's Church of England Primary School will fly their kites with messages against hunger at Beacon Park's annual kite flying event.

The children made their own kites and decorated them, as part of Oxfam's Flying the Kite for Food initiative. Together with Oxfam they learnt about the causes of and solutions to global hunger – and they are using their kites to shout out about it.

Dalton St Michael's children will be flying their kites at Beacon Park on Sunday, March 17.

Students from Shevington High School and Brookfield Park Primary School will also join them with their own colourful kites carrying messages for a fairer world.

Dalton St Michael's Church of England Primary School headteacher, Adele Robinson, said: "2013 is a big year to tackle hunger and this seemed to be the perfect opportunity for our children to make their voices heard as part of the Enough Food For Everyone Campaign. I hope when people see them flying their kites they will take their messages for a better world on board."

Some of the children involved in the project Code NA

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Thieves pushed stolen ride–on lawn mower along railway track

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

If train had come along there could have been a 'catastrophe'

THIEVES who stole an expensive ride–on lawn mower were spotted bizarrely pushing it along a railway track.

A policeman called to reports of suspicious activity heard voices and peering over a railway bridge was stunned to see what they were up to, a court heard.

Colleagues arrived to help and when they went down to accost them the four thieves fled into the darkness but one of them, Gavin Groves, was found hiding in undergrowth by a police dog handler.

Jailing Groves, a heroin addict since the age of 14, a judge told him that their behaviour could have had "catastrophic consequences."

Liverpool Crown Court heard that fortunately passenger trains only use the single track line between Kirkby and Wigan between 6.15 am to 7.30pm and the incident, which happened in a quiet rural area, occurred shortly after 4 am.

However, the line is used at other times for training drivers and Recorder Abigail Hudson told Groves, "You are extremely fortunate a train did not come along and cause a catastrophe."

She pointed out that as well as stealing the lawn mower, which was damaged beyond repair, from a nearby farm Groves and his accomplices had broken into a Network Rail hut cutting cables and causing £57,000 worth of damage.

Groves, formerly of Birbeck Road, Kirkby, is currently serving three years for a burglary committed shortly after the incident and the judge sentenced him to a total of 26 months to run consecutively.

Andrew Scott, prosecuting, told Liverpool Crown Court the alarm was initially raised by Dorothy Sephton who realised the £700 lawn mower had been stolen from a barn at her Coach Road Farm in Bickerstaffe.

It had been manhandled down the nearby railway embankment and was being pushed along the track towards Kirkby.

The incident caused delays to trains later that day.

Groves, 35, pleaded guilty to endangering safety of public on the railway and two burglaries.

Kate Morley, defending, said that while serving his current jail sentence Groves has remained drug free and his focus is his teenage son, with whom he had been building bridges before his arrest.

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Some of the tobacco seized during the operation. Code NA

Illegal tobacco found by sniffer dogs in shop raid

By Henry James

HUNDREDS of packs of contraband cigarettes and illegal tobacco were found by sniffer dogs in raids carried out by the county council Trading Standards Service at a shop in Skelmersdale, Leyland and Chorley.

A total of 250 packs of contraband cigarettes, tobacco, cigar blunts and rolls were seized from three shops during the operation which saw nine retail premises in Skelmersdale, Leyland and Chorley being visited by trading standards officers, police and sniffer dogs.

The haul included possible counterfeit and non–duty–paid tobacco products which cannot be legally sold in the UK.

The dogs, named Levi and Ozzie, were used to help to find tobacco which traders often conceal in unusual places such as hidden compartments and seemingly–empty product boxes.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "We regularly act on intelligence received from the public, and the success of this week's operation shows that even the smallest piece of intelligence can make all the difference.

"It also demonstrates that more and more people are beginning to understand the serious threat that illegal tobacco poses to our communities and, just as tellingly, that fewer and fewer people are prepared to tolerate it.

"The highly trained tobacco dogs leave no hiding places for those who trade in illegal tobacco."

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Sergeant Tony Bushell with Trading Standards officer Ed Culshaw dog handler Helen Evans with dog Levi and Claire Box, from Trading Standards, with dog Ozzie.

Go–ahead for lifts at sheltered flats

Report by David Simister

LONGSTANDING calls by elderly residents for a new lift at a set of council flats in Skelmersdale have been answered by the borough council after funding was finally agreed for the scheme.

Back in November the Champion reported on a battle by residents of Evenwood Court, a sheltered accomodation site catering for elderly and retired people, for a lift linking the ground and first floors to help those with mobility problems.

Funding has now been made available for the lifts to be fitted and work on the poject should begin later this year.

A spokesperson for the local authority said: "The council listens to its tenants and residents and because of this had already agreed to fund a lift being installed at Evenwood Court before the MP had issued her statement.

"Funding was approved at the council meeting on February 27. It will be installed in the next financial year, 2013/14.

"The council is also planning to install a lift at Marlborough Court.

"Once these projects are completed it would mean that everyone living in a Category 2 sheltered scheme would be able to access their home from a lift.

"The council did not refuse to install a lift when the tenants raised the issue in 2012.

"Due to the significant costs involved this had to be budgeted for and there was no provision in the 2012/13 budget for this work. The money has now been made available." Residents at the home pointed out last year that a survey by a structural engineer showed that a lift linking the ground and first floors could be installed, but said the council has delayed bringing one to the home for funding reasons.

Work is due to begin on installing the lift later this year.

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Evenwood Court residents have been pleading for a lift.

Play football and help young Millie

ONE of the town's football teams is organising a match with a difference to help raise money to help a young girl win her battle against cancer.

Dynamo Rangers is playing a special match on Sunday, March 10, when fathers of the team's younger players and club managers will take to the pitch, and other sporty residents will be able to take part by paying £5 to play or £2.50 to watch.

It will be played at Glenburn all weather pitches on Liverpool Road between 2pm and 4pm, and tickets will be available to buy ahead of the event at the venue tonight Wednesday between 6pm and 7pm, and on the day between 9.30am and 10.30am. All proceeds raised from the game will go towards helping Millie Heaton, a young Skelmersdale girl who is suffering from cancer.

To find out more email to andreagilbertson@hotmail.co.uk or search for Andrea Gilbertson on Facebook.

Advice service launched for young people at risk of being homeless

Report by Henry James

A MEDIATION service aimed at young people who at risk of homelessness and who are experiencing problems staying at, or maintaining their homes is now being offered at the Birchwood Centre in Birch Green.

The service is directed at people aged from 13 to 25 and works by trying to address the underlying causes of homelessness by advisors listening, and helping.

Stella Connell the centre manager said: "The Birchwood Centre is a well established charity, recognised for working with young people and providing supported accommodation for those in housing need.

"We are now extending our services by providing an exclusive mediation project tailored to meet the individual needs of young people which will help prevent the root causes of homelessness.

"The mediation service has already helped resolve major issues such as family relationship problems, money and benefit issues as well as helping with housing and educational issues.

"It is well recognised that times are tough and that austerity measures and the anticipated welfare reforms will impact negatively on individuals already in hardship.

"The inception of this project is a direct response to try and combat the difficulties that will no doubt arise."

Charity bosses said the project has already made a difference.

A spokeswoman added: "Its innovative approach has been extremely well received by young people and their families, the wider community, schools and partner agencies. The pioneering solutions provided by the project will resolve crisis and prevent further crisis by addressing the underlying causes of homelessness and prevent it happening in the first place."

The Birchwood Centre is providing drop–in facilities at Skelmersdale Library each Monday and Thursday from 1pm to 4pm and at its new dedicated offices at the Ecumenical Centre on Wednesdays from 1pm to 4 pm.

Dianne Hodgson chair of the board stated: "We are providing solutions to real problems in our community and I am delighted the charity is delivering a much needed service for young people and families."

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Jumping for joy!

MEMBERS of a trampoline club in West Lancashire are jumping for joy after they were awarded a prestigious accreditation certificate by the sport's governing body.

Momentum Trampoline Club, which operates in both Ormskirk and Skelmersdale, said they are now officially accredited by Gym Mark, the governing body for gymnastics clubs across the UK, which they said they hoped would showcase their credentials and attract new members.

Club spokesman, Carlos Ferra, said: "I believe this will be a great news for the community because not only have we been awarded the acceditation for Ormskirk, but our Skelmersdale venue as well."

To find out more about the club's activities visit bit.ly/15sDQYY or give them a call on 07772 334039.

MEMBERS of the Momentum Trampoline Club with their official accreditation certificate. Code1056982

County council cash boost for voluntary groups

Report by **Henry James**

VOLUNTARY groups that work with young people in West Lancashire are to receive a financial boost.

The groups will receive a share of the £40,256 after Lancashire's cabinet member for young people, County Councillor Mark Perks, agreed the recommendations of the county's youth councils.

Voluntary organisations registered with the county council can apply for funding for projects that promote and improve the economic, social and environmental well–being of their area.

Among the groups to benefit from the funding are:

• Parbold Christchurch Youth Group. The funding of £700 will be used to subsidise an annual weekend trip to Min–y–don centre in Mid Wales.

• Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY). The funding of £500 will be used to purchase turf boards (which is similar to a snow board but for use on grassy hills) to take young people away from the housing estates and getting into the outdoors by going to the Beacon Country Park.

• Outdoor Network. The funding of £1,750 will be used to purchase Adventure Insurance Scheme and Transport costs. The programme consists of an expedition or activity for example, a mountain bike camp, a bush craft, boat building day, a caving expedition, and a mountain day.

• The 51st Ormskirk Scout Group (1st Up Holland Scouts). The funding of £900 will be used for training costs of two Scout leaders. They will be able to achieve a Scout Association Adventurous Activity Permit to lead young people's group into wild country over 500m altitude.

County Councillor Perks said: "I am reminded of the dedication and commitment volunteers show day in, day out. They work tirelessly with young people to help them to develop their hobbies and explore new interests."

Martin Mere bird talk invite

CALLING all bird lovers...

Keen ornithologists from across the borough are invited to a talk taking place at Martin Mere wetland nature reserve in Burscough on Friday, March 8.

The Friends of Martin Mere presentation, entitled 'Birds Around The World', will be given by Margaret and John Sixsmith.

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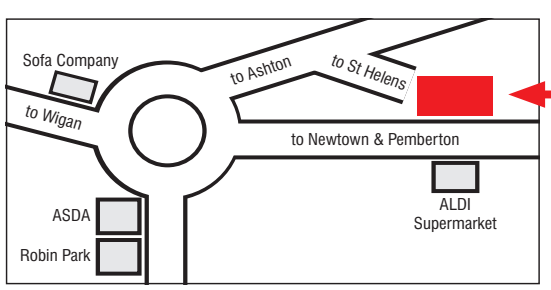

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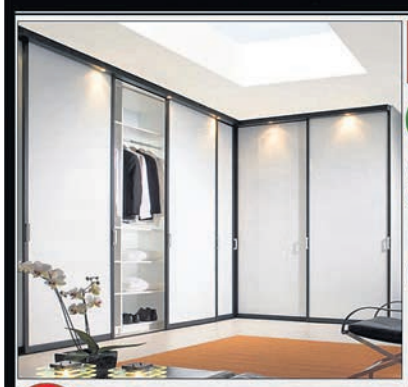

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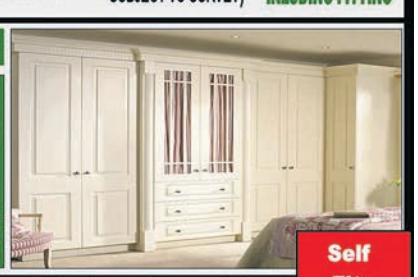

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Police appeal to help catch off licence armed robbers

The shop assistant being attacked by one of the robbers.

One of the hooded robbers

A robber wields a screwdriver.

Report by **Henry James**

IMAGES have been released showing a female shop assistant being attacked with a screwdriver when a gang of armed robbers raided an off licence in Skelmersdale.

The woman was subjected to the terrifying ordeal when tried to fend off four hooded robbers at the Bargain Booze store on Ormskirk Road just after 9pm Friday, February 15.

Two of the men were armed with screwdrivers and a third with a piece of wood when they jumped over the counter and stole cash from the till and a box of lager.

One of the female shop assistants was hit over the head with the up–turned handle of a screwdriver. Although the woman was not badly hurt she was badly shaken by the incident. All of the men had their faces partially concealed with hoods, but police are urging people to take a close look at the CCTV images.

DC Graham Hunt from Skelmersdale CID said: "The shop was staffed with female shop assistants at the time of the attack and during the robbery one of the assistants was struck to the head.

"One of the images clearly shows what appears to be one of the offenders using the up–turned handle of a screwdriver to attack her whilst holding a £20 in the other hand.

"Thankfully she was not seriously hurt but the robbery continues to have a lasting effect on her to the extent that she is still too distressed to return to work.

"This is a very serious offence and an investigation is underway but we need the public's help to catch those responsible.

"Anybody who thinks they recognise any of the men in the CCTV images should contact us on 101." People can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

MP to hold advice surgery

RESIDENTS are being given the chance to speak to the borough's MP Rosie Cooper this month.

The MP is holding an advice sessions at the Asda supermarket in Skelmersdale on March 22 starting at 4pm.

To make an appointment contact Rosie Cooper MP by writing to Suite 108 Malthouse Business Centre, 48 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR, send an email to rosie@rosiecooper.net or call 01695 570094.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMPION'S MD

I am proud to work alongside the Champion team and very proud of their success and the awards they have achieved. It is their commitment and determination that inspires me and, with their support, I am delighted to announce that very soon you will see another edition of the Champion on the streets.

I would like to thank everyone who plays a part in the success of the Champion each week including all our distribution staff. And finally, a sincere thank you to our readers, advertisers and suppliers for their continued help and support over the years.

In preparing the pages for our 19th Anniversary edition we are excited about reaching this milestone. We are just as enthusiastic and dedicated as we were in 1994 when we launched our first edition.

Since then your Champion has consistently defied the odds and bucked all the trends. Not only have we survived as an award-winning community newspaper but we have thrived as a local business creating many jobs and supporting the communities we cover.

We are proud to reflect on our success and the amazing results we have achieved over the past 19 years, not least of which is becoming Free Newspaper of the Year 2012. In this team photograph readers can see that we have enjoyed another successful year with many more awards and accolades to our credit. In fact, 2012 has been our best ever year.

The global recession and the migration from print to web has forced many publishers to close or merge titles, to cut circulation and reduce paginations but not your feisty Champion. We have done the opposite. We have increased our titles from three editions with a coverage of 72,255 to seven titles and a circulation of almost 163,000. We know of no other publishing group that can equal this progress during the same period.

So what is it that sets the Champion apart?

For us it's all about quality and quantity – the quality of content and the quantity of coverage.

The right quantity is essential. We believe there is little point in having the best local news stories if nobody sees them. Therefore our distribution efficiency has always been a number one priority. We now have 843 dedicated people who deliver over 162,000 copies of the Champion in all weathers and conditions. Their rounds are back-checked every week for efficiency and audited every six months for independent verification.

As for quality of content, the Champion editorial team really enjoys the cut and thrust of breaking local news stories and are not afraid to tackle the issues effecting the lives of our readers. Our stories are diverse, interesting and informative and we are known for our determination to stick with a story until we uncover the facts.

All news in the Champion has the credibility of being professionally "edited" to ensure it is accurate, fair and objective. We are at the very heart of the community as a trusted, reliable and impartial source of information.

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Holy Cow! Vintage clothing firm's design idea takes off

Report by **David Simister**

TWO fashion–loving cousins in Skelmersdale who used their love of cows as inspiration to set up a clothing retail company have attracted global attention.

Beccy Tipton, 26, who formerly worked for Skelmersdale charity Twinkle House, and Jade Geoghegan, 30, a former carer, joined forces last November to set up a company which capitalises on their passion for fashion by selling vintage clothing, which they source not only from the internet, but also their own wardrobes.

Beccy Tipton, co–founder, told The Champion: "Bovine Vintage was conceived in November last year by two cousins inspired by their love of vintage and customised high street.

"But why the name 'Bovine' you may ask – simply because, we adore cows!

"Always aspiring to be unique, our trademark is the use of masks and headwear to disguise our models and produce the element of mystery.

"Although still a newborn in age, Bovine has a great following and customer base on Facebook, shipping as far and wide as Australia and New Zealand. Our family creation is going from strength to strength."

The pair collect and customise vintage and retro clothes, including from their own extensive collections built up over many years, and sell them on to fashion–conscious consumers, and design their own artwork and stage fashion shoots in West Lancashire locations to help promote their distinctive clothing.

A masked model trying out one of the quirky outfits.

The pair have drawn on Beccy's experience of travelling, particularly in Australia, to help provide inspiration for the clothes they offer.

The family–run firm has already attracted more than 600 likes on Facebook, with enquiries coming in from across the globe. Bovine Vintage will be one of the fashion specialists displaying at the Southport Clothes Show, held at the resort's floral hall on Saturday, March 24.

To find out more about Bovine Vintage find them on Twitter by looking for @BovineVintage.

Compost converters' offer

GREEN fingered residents are being urged to take advantage of discounts on compost converters before prices go up in April.

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Estate could be set for £4m revival

Report by **Stephanie O'Connor**

Tenants to be consulted after funding identified as a result of council savings

A SKELMERSDALE housing estate could be set for a £4m revival it has been revealed.

Councillor Adrian Owens, who leads on housing finance for the Conservative–run borough council, said he would now be consulting with residents after identifying the funds.

He said: "Firstly, we need to consult with tenants. However, we are pleased that we have identified £4 million to take forward our estate revivals, the first of which is underway in Firbeck.

"The funds have been identified in preparing this year's housing budget and it will mean that when the Firbeck revival is completed in 2014/15 we can, subject to consultation, move to another estate and start work there."

Cllr Owens stressed that the capital programme for improvements to council homes, including the large kitchen and bathroom replacement programme, was unaffected by the plan.

He said that better purchasing by the Conservative council had led to savings and this was the main reason for being able to identify this £4 million.

Although he added that tenant views would be sought before any decisions were made, he did offer one view of his own

"We have many empty garages. It might be that we should demolish some of these garages and build new homes on the land freed up as part of the wider improvements.

"We built some lovely new council homes in Elmstead in Tanhouse and personally I would like to see some more. We aren't talking about huge numbers of houses here, but where they can contribute to an estate revival we might look to build some.

"I'm delighted that we have been able to identify this funding and it gives the prospect of developing a programme of estate revivals of which Firbeck would simply be the first," he said.

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Hospital car park fines are unfair

I, like letter writer V Young, was recently issued with a parking ticket at Southport Hospital.

I can fully sympathise with her for parking in a disabled bay when no other spaces were available, but unlike her I am a registered disabled person.

For the first time in a number of years I did not display the blue badge (my fault) and was fined.

I do not understand that having paid for parking (I had a weekly pass) these 'officials' are allowed to issue fines for £100/60 when the same offence, if committed on the public highway, incurs a fine of £60/30.

Name and address supplied

Council staff could use Co–Op Bank car park on Sandy Lane

The decision by the council to make Sandy Lane car park a pay and display location will lead to disastrous results for the people, businesses and health centre of Sandy Lane.

The big parking problems only arose at Sandy Lane when the council occupied offices and transferred certain departments and staff from Ormskirk to Sandy Lane.

The volume of staff vehicles increased so badly the public tried to find alternative parking in side roads and also they parked on a grass bedded area that is now badly scarred.

I don't think the council have studied the consequences pay and display will have on businesses and its staff.

I believe that some businesses may deteriorate so badly they will close. There is a solution. There should be alternative parking for the council staff.

There is a vast car park only half used at the Co–Op Bank across the road from Sandy Lane car park.

If the council can make arrangements with the Co–Op Bank to transfer their staff vehicles to the Co–Op car park, this would relieve the problem of parking at Sandy Lane.

There would then be no need for pay and display at Sandy Lane and the garden beds could be established and Sandy Lane could be brought back to the decent car park it was before.

Councillor Barry Nolan,
Skelmersdale North borough councillor

Snow poses hard choice for headteachers

I partly agree to the letter 'Snow Never Stopped Me Going to School' in the Champion but I have to say I also disagree. Unfortunately these days headteachers have many more things to deal with than just kids not wanting to attend school on snow days!

Many teachers live a considerably further distance away from their work places now than they used to.

How are they supposed to get to school to teach when the snow is so bad?

Also, some parents have to cope with children attending two different schools.

When one is off and the other has to attend, the parents may have to make the decision to have both the kids off school on the one day as some parents have to work to earn money.

So when teachers who have travelled on a hectic journey to work, what happens if only half of the children in their class have turned up to be taught?

Would you teach them the original planned lesson?

When would you teach the other half of the class so they could catch up on things they have missed?

What about the modern day culture of suing?

The school premises may not entirely be safe for pupils to attend, and headteachers have to take much more health and safety factors into account these days so as to avoid even the most minor accidents.

So whilst I agree it is a considerable problem that schools shut on even the most mild of snow days, I can see it is a difficult decision for those who have our children's best interests at heart.

I think we should remember this next time.

Ormskirk resident,
By email

PICTURE of the week

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Aiming high.... The Lost Future Dance Crew show off their moves for the final of a competition at Skelmersdale Tanhouse Community Centre. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code1057056

Get your people out and start banging the drum!

The Eastleigh by–election result in favour of the Liberal Democrats was a foregone conclusion, but what was surprising was the fact that UKIP came second.

What annoyed me was that the Labour Party did not seem to be bothered whether they recorded any votes at all!

There are only two years before the next General Election, and it's time Labour started making a move and creating a strategy if they want to be regarded as serious contenders to the Con–Dems.

So, come on Ed Milliband, get your people out there now!

And start banging the drum.

C Grogan,
Skelmersdale

It's only fair that rich should pay mansion tax

Labour leader Ed Miliband is right to demand a vote in the House of Commons on a tax on mansions.

With the economy struggling, wages and frozen and millions of people unemployed everyone should be doing their bit to help Britain's economy recover. The money would be used to re–introduce the 10p tax rate for lower paid workers – helping them out in difficult times.

This is right – everyone should paying their fair share.

Name supplied, By email

Taxi drivers always helpful

I was very upset to read that a local disabled man is unhappy with the Aughton taxi service because on occasions taxi drivers have refused to take his dog.

I too am disabled and on certain occasions I realise that my demands are higher than most. Taxi drivers, however, have always been very helpful.

I too have a dog, and often I need shopping carried to my door (lots of it) and I need to be dropped right outside my destination.

I am epileptic and on one occasion a driver even assisted me whilst I had a seizure which must have been scary.

I would understand if a driver refused to take my dog because they cannot have dog hairs on their seats or worse still mess.

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Janet Ingman,
Aughton

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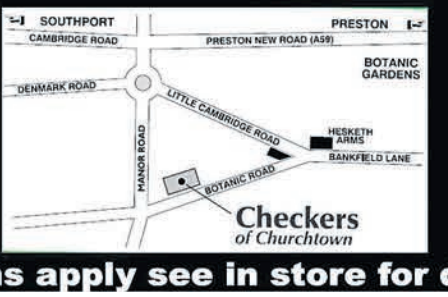

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Up Holland High School pupil Ella Metcalfe taking her first flight after joining the squadron. Code NA

Call for youngsters to join Air Cadets

SKELMERSDALE youngsters are being urged to let their ambitions take flight by joining the town's air cadets at a recruitment event.

The 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron is holding an informal recruitment event on March 22, and is keen to hear from anyone between the ages of 13 and 17 who would be interested in finding out more about the group's activities.

Flight Lieutenant Jo Henderson, the squadron's commanding officer, said: "We open our doors to new recruits only a few times each year. This is an ideal opportunity for any young people to join us.

"We offer every cadet an exciting variety of activities and professional training that will give them an array of skills and leadership experience to make them stand out when they venture into the world of work."

The event will be held from 7.30pm. For more information visit www.1439sqn.co.uk or call 01695 51603.

Bid for stricter ban on vehicles in town centre pedestrian zones

Excusive report by **David Simister**

A TOTAL ban on vehicles from pedestrian zones in Ormskirk town centre for large parts of the day could soon be introduced after a surge in reports by shoppers of near accidents.

Lancashire County Council is currently working with the borough council on proposals to further restrict access to the town centre for motorised vehicles.

It follows calls for Ormskirk Community Partnership is calling for stricter enforcement of restrictions on vehicles and a total ban in the central area for several hours during the day claiming drivers currently treat the area as a 'free for all.'

The group claims hazards are caused heavy goods vehicles making deliveries to shops, customers of banks parking up, and drivers who ignore the 'no entry' signs. Irene Slack, secretary of the Partnership, told The Champion: "It's a free for all at the moment with some drivers taking their vehicles right through pedestrianised streets.

"Allowing cars, vans and lorries to drive across or park in the central streets is dangerous, particularly for children and the elderly. Several near misses have occurred recently and we feel it is a case of 'an accident waiting to happen.

Ther could soon be a total ban on vehicles in the town centre.

"One proposal to limit vehicle access in the central area from mid morning till mid afternoon would enhance the shopping experience and encourage footfall as well as complementing the work of the Love Ormskirk group and the forthcoming highway improvements in Moor Street."

Lancashire County Council is working with the borough council to address the partnership's concerns, and added that it is working on proposals to restrict access to the town centre for motorised vehicles.

A spokesman said: "We are working with West Lancashire Borough Council on making improvements to the town centre, and are developing proposals to restrict vehicle access at certain times of day to improve the shopping experience for pedestrians.

"As part of this we're looking at how any restrictions would work in practice and could be enforced, and how to manage access for market days and businesses who need to take deliveries."

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Walks are not much fun when I'm one man without a dog

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Trouble was, I couldn't see any sign of damage apart from a small amount of black goop in the hairs between her toes.

Having snipped this out I hoped it would be business as usual – but the periodic biting and licking went on.

So it was off to the vet. He found a tiny puncture wound in her pad.

The problem was whether whatever she had trodden on was still inside her paw – which would mean a small operation to investigate what it was and hopefully remove it.

Anyway, he gave me some antibiotic tablets and an appointment for a week's time. If she was no better, it was the small operation for her. And in fact that was yesterday (Tuesday) so by now I'll know the worst – or best.

Hopefully, as you read this she will firmly be back on all four feet.

But I have learned from this rather worrying event, just how much I have come to rely on my Tina.

Yesterday for instance I needed to visit someone in Lydiate to chat about the deplorable state of a grass verge.

It was less than two miles from my home, and normally I would have taken Tina for her afternoon walk at the same time.

This being out of the question I walked alone. And hand on heart, that two miles was the longest I've walked in many years.

It was in fact roughly half the distance of one of our regular walks, but it really felt miles further. No hairy companion to talk to.

And instead of discussing my forthcoming boating holiday with her, I spent most of the walk worrying about how my canine friend was doing.

It is hard to explain the bond that genuinely grows up between you and a dog.

It's a very special relationship that cannot be compared with any human bond with another human.

I'm not saying this bond is stronger or better (though in some cases it probably is), it is totally different.

I feel no shame in saying that Tina is my friend (and an awkward one at that sometimes) and that I love every hairy inch of her hairy little body.

And I reckon most dog owners feel the same.

And this present disruption to our daily routine goes to show me what I have suspected for a long time.

That a person (or a man at least) needs if not another person, then a dog before he sets out for any lengthy walk.

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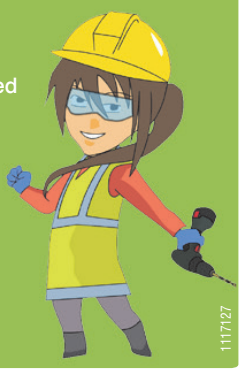

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Surge in West Lancs tenants opting to buy

Report by
David Simister

WEST Lancashire is being highlighted as one of the areas in the North West where the number of council tenants opting to buy their homes is surging.

A report by the Department for Communities and Local Government published this week revealed that the area covered by West Lancashire Borough Council has seen a 50% rise in the number of council tenants purchasing their homes under the Government's Right to Buy scheme.

Housing minister, Mark Prisk said: "The reinvigorated Right to Buy has opened the door to home ownership for thousands of tenants across the country and I'm delighted to see so many taking up this opportunity.

"But from the 200,000 hits on our website, to the councils that report to me, the surge they've seen in applications, I know there are many more that want to follow in their footsteps.

"I would urge any tenant aspiring to buy their home to contact their council or visit www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuy to find out how they can take their first step onto the property ladder."

The department said that the borough council has sold 15 homes since April 2012, compared to 10 in the whole of 2011/12. West Lancashire Borough Council declined to comment on the issue, but did confirm to The Champion that the figures mentioned by the government department are correct.

Other local authorities in the North West highlighted as seeing as surge in Right to Buy sales going ahead include councils in Wigan, Manchester and Stockport.

Real ale buffs toast local pubs

TWO West Lancashire pubs have been nominated by a group of real ale lovers as their favourite bars in the borough.

Members of the Southport & District branch of the Campaign for Real Ale have nominated the Hop Vine, in Burscough, as their pub of the year, and the Farmers' Arms, near Ormskirk, as their nomination for the branch pub of the year.

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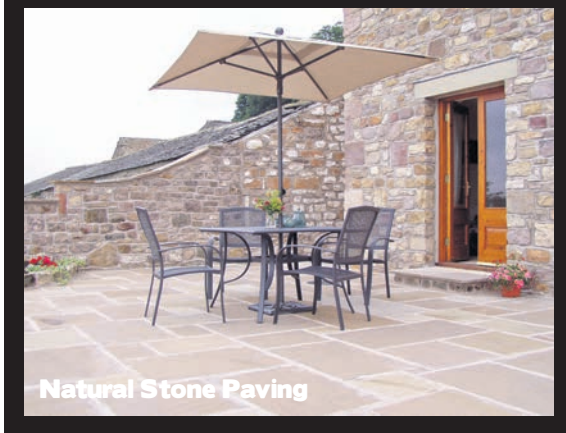
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Beers at the double!

Report by **David Simister**

A WEST Lancashire pub has teamed up with a brewery and a brigade of military vehicle owners to create two beers specially for a celebration of wartime machines next month.

The owners of the Heatons Bridge, in Scarisbrick, told The Champion they are working with Burnley–based Moorhouses Brewery to create two beers specially for the Military Vehicle Invasion event being held there on April 12 and 14 in memory of Mark Lancaster, who spearheaded two similar events at the pub but passed away last year.

Two real ales will be on offer, including one called Just Jane, which is named after a restore Avro Lancaster bomber which now has a photo of Mark in the cockpit. A stronger real ale, called Tanked Up, will also be on offer and plays on the connection with the military vehicles being brought by members of the South Cumbria and North Lancashire military vehicle trusts to the pub. Steve Winrow, landlord at the Heatons Bridge, said: "I'm hoping that these two beers will be a hit with visitors to the show, especially as they play on the pub's existing military connections, including our longstanding association with Lancaster Bomber bitter and the World War Two pillbox which we have on the site.

"We're also redesigning our food and drinks menu to have a bit of a military theme on the weekend – chicken nuggets and chips, for example, will be called muck and bullets. It's quite a poignant tribute to Mark, particularly the 'Just Jane' beer and its connections to Mark and the Lancaster bomber."

Both real ales will be brewered by Burnley–based Moorhouses Brewery, which brews several of the beers already on offer at the West Lancashire pub, including the Lancaster bomber bitter.

The event, which takes place on Friday, April 12 through to Sunday, April 14, is free to visit.

For more information send an email to pconnolly@btinternet.com or or call 01704 545786.

Steve Winrow right of Scarisbrick's Heaton Bridge pub with Kevin Riley centre and Mark Lancaster. Code1049927

Top award for school meals club

Report by **Henry James**

TEACHERS at a Scarisbrick primary school are cooking up a storm after winning a special award for their contribution towards reducing health inequalities and bringing communities together by teaching people how to cook.

Pinfold Primary School was singled out for praise after launching a new Let's Get Cooking club for fathers and sons using money raised by HealthHeal through The Health Lottery.

The club has been awarded a Golden Spoon gong from Let's Get Cooking after using cooking to involve the wider community in school life and for giving dads an opportunity to bond while learning a new and important life skill together.

Sue Fielding, who helps run the Let's Get Cooking club, said: "Engaging with dads has been difficult at school but offering this special opportunity just for them has made them want to play a much bigger role in our wider school community.

"They've met other dads and you can really see their friendships blossoming as they learn together."

Life changing

"For one dad, Dave Needham, the experience has been life changing. Coming to the club has made him realise that cooking is something he really enjoys, is good at and wants to do for the rest of his life. He's since applied to Southport College to do a level 2 cookery course and has been accepted!"

Maggie Sims, senior manager at Let's Get Cooking, the country's largest network of healthy cooking clubs, said: "Using food and cooking is a natural way to bring people together.

"With Pinfold Primary School, we've seen first–hand how it can help people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, build relationships and make new friends.

"Learning how to cook a nutritious meal from scratch and on a budget, can make such a difference to people's health, and it's so much more fun when you can do it alongside others."

Pinfold Primary School attended the national ceremony in London where special prizes for the overall Golden Spoon winners were presented by keen cook and teaching champion Kate Bellingham, best known for hosting Tomorrow's World and Children's ITV programme, the Big Bang.

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Voluntary singers go down a treat at care home

RESIDENTS at a care home in Up Holland had their weekend brightened when a group of community singers treated them to one of their performances. The Voluntary Community Singers of Skelmersdale sang to residents of The Spinney care home on College Road. The performance was just part of the group's continuing efforts to help the community through music.

Football fan's close shave for cancer charity

Kevin Panther is a man well known around the Skelm–ersdale area for the much–praised book about the history of Skelmersdale United FC which he wrote called The Boys In Blue From 1882.

But Kevin and his family have had a sad time recently, with the death of his younger brother Ian Panther from cancer just before Christmas.

The sad time moved Kevin to act for his brother and for people in the future that get the terrible disease and think what he could do to help.

So Kevin who is well known as a local character around Skelmersdale decided to do a sponsored haircut to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Kevin got all his substantial locks shaved off and raised £320 for Cancer Research UK.

Kevin said: "I would like to thank all the people that donated money to the cause, many of whom did not know

Kevin, pictured with the haircut half–done with a look of trepidation on his face as he looked in the mirror.

Ian, I would especially like to thank the Burscough supporters who were present on the day for their kind assistance."

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Cathy Grice and Freda Neale with their award at The Farm Burscough.

Tea room and restaurant 'best in county' again

Report by **David Simister**

A RESTAURANT and tea room in the West Lancashire countryside has been named as one of the county's best eateries for the second year in a row.

The Farm Burscough, based on Martins Lane near Burscough, has been given the Highest Quality Assured Award by the county's tourist board Visit Lancashire after impressing a mystery diner with its quality and standard of service.

Freda Neale, of the Farm Burscough, said: "We get many lovely comments from our customers about the quality of our food and service.

"People always seem to enjoy visiting us on the farm and that means a lot. But it is also great that we have been officially recognised again in this way.

"To be considered one of the best in Lancashire is fantastic for us as and the fact that the assessment was done in secret makes it even more relevant.

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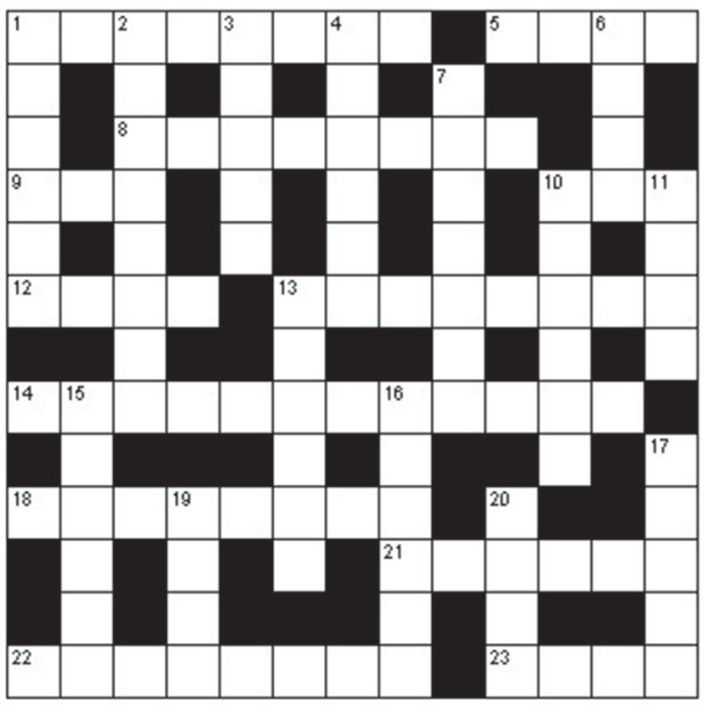

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1 Pope who recently stepped down (8)
5 Edith ____ , French singer (4)
8 To put someone forward (8)
9 Abbreveation of main students' union (3)
10 Feeling of great respect (3)
12 The male principle of the universe, according to Chinese philosophy (4)
13 Unit to measure sound (8)
14 A famous one being the Grand National (12)
18 Describing a plant or oil which has a pleasant and distinctive smell (8)
21 Term for an angle which is greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees (6)
22 Suffering severely from something unpleasant (8)
23 Small animal which is farmed for its valuable fur (4)

DOWN
1 Spirit made made by distilling wine (6)
2 When words don't mean anything or are dismissed as rubbish (8)
3 ____ Hill, retired racing driver (5)
4 Small savoury food served at parties and receptions (6)
6 In a new or different, more positive way (4)
7 Smart or chic (7)
10 When someone descriminates against a person because of how old they are (6)
11 Without difficulty (4)
13 To water something down (6)
15 A danger (6)
16 A protective case spun by the larvae of certain insects (6)
17 Alter (5)
19 Small, iconic car (4)
20 Smallest particle of a chemical element (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
Across: 1 Adriatic, 8 Legion, 9 Amaretto, 10 Seam, 11 Writ, 12 Iris, 14 Argo, 16 Punk, 17 Gala, 20 Heir, 21 Heal, 23 Linoleum, 24 Mantel, 25 Overcast.
Down: 2 Demerara, 3 Irrational, 4 Titanic, 5 Clown, 6 Mime, 7 Gnome, 10 Shopaholic, 13 Antiques, 15 Valance, 18 Thyme, 19 Cello, 22 Anna.

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Council puts a block on frozen 'beef' in schools

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has suspended the supply of all frozen processed beef products to schools after tests found more traces of Horse DNA.

The county council chose to test for traces of horsemeat in all the frozen processed beef products supplied to its schools, as well as undertaking work on the national investigation led by the Food Standards Agency.

Council bosses said the large majority of affected products on school menus have tested negative for horse DNA, but now two have tested positive.

The first, reported in the Champion, involved a pre–prepared cottage pie used in 47 schools. The second was a Halal beef burger, which had been available at four schools in the county. All affected schools have been contacted and informed.

Officials at the county council have said frozen processed beef products only make up a small proportion of the menus at schools, with most school meals prepared using fresh beef from a local supplier.

A spokesman for the county council said: "The suspended products were only supplied to secondary schools and around 10% of Lancashire's primary schools."

Leader of the county council, Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "I hope that parents and children can be reassured by the advice that this isn't a food safety issue. However, it is frankly appalling that we have found horsemeat in two products which were supposedly 100 per cent beef. These products came from manufacturers who not only carry all the correct certification but who also recently provided us with written assurances their products did not contain horsemeat.

"In the circumstances, we feel we have no choice but to withdraw all frozen processed beef products as a precaution until the food industry and regulator do something to restore confidence in what people are being fed."

Students' recipe for success

STUDENTS from West Lancashire College clearly had the recipe for success when they organised a Valentine's–inspired fund–raising stall.

The Entry Level students baked cakes and cookies, as well as making cards, posters and gift boxes which they sold on the stall raising more than £225.

As part of their Skills for Independence and Work course the students learned about customer service, communication and cash–handling skills.

Course tutor, Diane Moran, said: "The students have done a fantastic job planning their stalls and they've worked so hard baking cakes and making crafts to sell.

"They've really benefited from the course and this exercise helps them put all that knowledge they've learned into practice."

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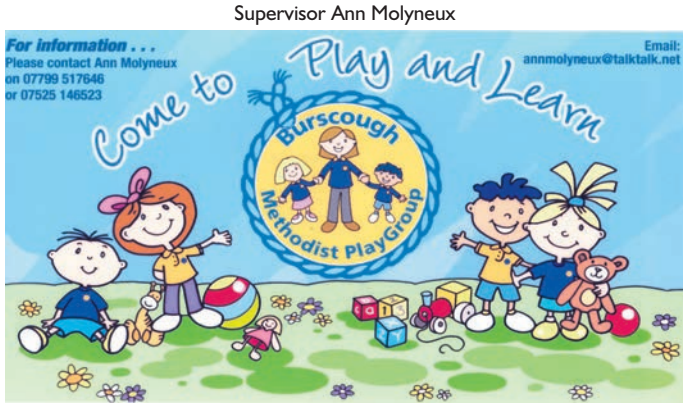

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- Give yourself plenty of time to choose. Holiday playschemes and other seasonal childcare service can booked up well in advance.
- Make appointments to visit two or three providers to compare what's on offer. This will allow you to look at the services available and chat to the staff.
- Always consider your child in your decision, even if they are far too young to make a choice themselves. Where do you think they would prefer?
- Ask other parents for recommendations
- Check opening times, holiday dates and costs

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What type of services are available?

Private day nurseries

These are open from Monday to Friday and can look after your child between the hours of 7.30am – 6.00pm. They are available for children aged 3 months to five years of age and although they are private, there are several Government schemes to help you meet the cost if you feel you are struggling. All are means tested and funding could be one call away. These nurseries are OFSTED inspected and follow the Governments Early Years Foundation Stage structure of learning.

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Contact school for more details
01257 462 007 (nursery@pda.lancs.sch.uk)

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Playgroups

Playgroups offer care for your child several times a week usually, for a morning or an afternoon and work in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage.

They can help your child to interact and start learning at an age where they are too young to go to school.

Holiday Play schemes

Children have a lot more time off school than parents have off work and so for those times holiday play schemes can come in very handy. They offer childcare only in school holidays and can help the child develop and learn while making sure they are safe and well cared for.

Questions to ask childcare providers

Directgov recommends you ask the following questions to ask childcare providers:

- Safety – what happens in an emergency?
- Are the premises secure (can strangers get in)?
- What training and experience do the carers have?
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(Nov 2012)

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Salon raises £200 for school

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Staff raised the money by raffling off vouchers which entitled the winners to hair and beauty treatments at the salon.

County's work with young offenders praised in report

TEAMS in Lancashire who deal with sexual offences by young people have been praised in a Government report.

Lancashire County Council was one of seven local authority areas visited by inspectors in a report commissioned by the Government into how sexual offences by young people was dealt with.

The Lancashire Youth Offenders team was among the organisations praised in the subsequent report.

County Councillor Mark Perks, the council's cabinet member for young people, said: "Sexualised behaviour among young people is something that workers can find difficult to accept but our experience is that facing these issues in the open and in partnership with other agencies is what works best.

"I am proud that our staff are helping to present the report, and that work from Lancashire is cited as good practice.

"We are always looking to improve our service and will be using the report to help us do this."

Two examples of good practice in Lancashire were cited in the Ministry of Justice's report, one in which agencies worked together to enable a young sex offender to attend college with an 'excellent risk management plan', and another where a Youth Offending Team worker offered support and worked closely with the offender's family.

The report stated that: "In Lancashire, the children's services safeguarding unit had put together a template for risk management plans and offered support to schools to develop appropriate risk management arrangements."

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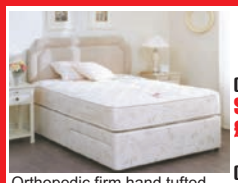
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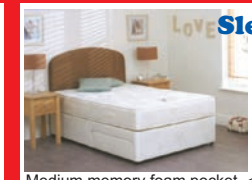
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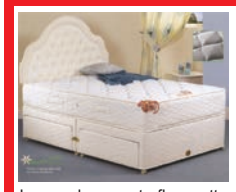
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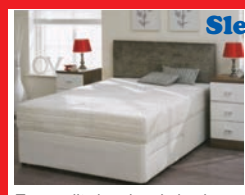
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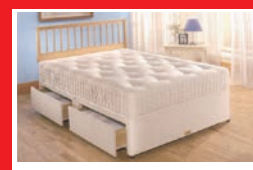
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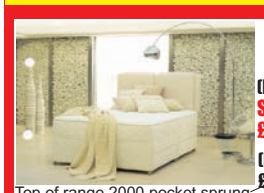
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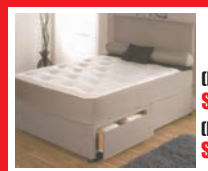
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Angela's Daily menu

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Village family farm's crisps get MP's vote

Report by **David Simister**

A RUFFORD family who make crisps from potatoes grown on the farm they run have treated their local MP to a tour of the site.

Lorraine Fullbrook, who represents the South Ribble consituency, was given a tour of Fiddlers Farm, following praise of the distinctive, Lancashire–themed crisps from her colleagues in Westminster.

Mrs Fullbrook said after her tour: "Fiddler's Lancashire Crisps are a great asset to our local area. What makes this business and their crisps so special is not just the great taste but that from the potato harvesting to the production of each bag of crisps, all is done by the Fiddler family on their farm in Rufford.

"In this age of mass produced products that can travel thousands of miles before it reaches the consumer, it is wonderful to see a Lancashire based business selling a great Lancashire grown product. Fiddler's pride themselves on only using the potatoes grown on their farm and I got to try the crisps which are enhanced with traditional flavours such as Lancashire cheese, Elsey's Malt Vinegar and Lancashire Sauce. They are simply delicious!

"It was great to visit Fiddler's farm and learn about this exciting local business. We may be famous for the hotpot here in Lancashire, but in my view the potato is at its finest here in Rufford, in Fiddler's Lancashire Crisps!" The tour follows the Conservative MP treating her colleagues in the Commons to the West Lancashire firm's crisps, as part of efforts in Parliament to mark Lancashire Day.

Fiddlers Farm, which has been run by the Fiddler family since the 1950s, produce a range of crisps from potatoes grown at their farm, including a Lancashire Sauce flavour. For more information visit www.fiddlerslancashirecrisps.co.uk or call 01704 823 572.

The Sout MP on her tour of the Fiddlers Lancashire Crisps site in Rufford.

The crisps come in a variety of flavours.

Beer festival planned for October at Edge Hill campus

PLANS are being brewed up for Ormskirk's very own beer festival to be held for the first time in October.

West Lancashire real ale review website The Ormskirk Baron and Edge Hill University have joined forces to host a celebration of real ale, called the Ormskirk Beer Fest, at the university's St Helens Road campus on Saturday, October 19.

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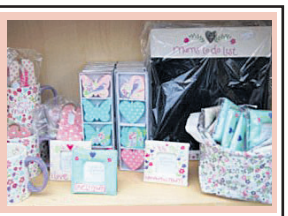

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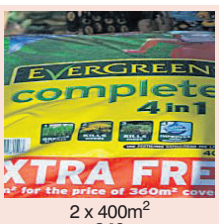

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Their main premises are in Skelmersdale, with a shop in Ormskirk, their aim is to enable people to retain their own mobility and independence. This reduces feelings of isolation and social exclusion which many disabled people suffer. In turn, this benefits the local economy, as more money can be spent in local shops.

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- Issuing Community prescription equipment, ensuring you quickly receive what you need BFM provide useful advice to ensure you make an informed choice about the most suitable equipment, and how to keep it in the best working order. As a charity, any income raised is reinvested to help train young disabled people in their workshop.

Last year BFM opened a shop in Ormskirk town centre; unwanted equipment can be dropped off here and prescription equipment can be collected from here.

They were voted" Best Social Enterprise in the North West" in an award ceremony last Friday at Hilton Hotel, Blackpool, adding to their impressive list of accolades, which include:-

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There are several types of care available:

Care homes
Sometimes it can be difficult to continue to run your own home, cook and clean and look after yourself, not to mention the bills, which can quickly become too much to handle. Care homes aim take all that worry away from you and will supply the best care so all your needs are met.

Home care service
Sometimes, you still need daily help but the thought of leaving your own home is too much to comprehend. That is when this service comes in which can offer practically the same level of care as you would receive in a care home but without actually having to move out. It can be a few hours a day or even 24 hours a day if that is what is needed.

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Home helps
This is great if there are only certain aspects that you need extra help with. Home helps can come and support you day to day or a few days a week, whatever you feel you need. They will also clean, cook and help you wash so the day to day chores don't seem too daunting. Services are also available which take care of all your bills, leaving you with more time to enjoy life.

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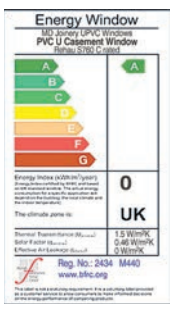

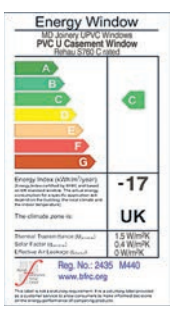

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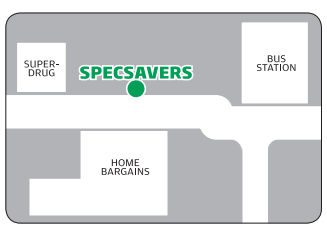

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Global initiatives, such as World Glaucoma Week, are therefore invaluable when it comes to raising awareness and saving sight.

If you are over 40, you should have a regular routine eye test at least once every two years to be sure that there is nothing wrong or, if there is a problem, to have it detected at a stage when treatment is most effective.” The IGA’s mission is to raise awareness of glaucoma, promote research related to early diagnosis and treatment, and to provide support to glaucoma patients, their carers and relatives.

It offers free information and advice through its Sightline service (01233 648170) and its website **www.glaucoma-association.com.**

If it’s diagnosed early, glaucoma is almost always manageable and the outlook is good.

But regular eye tests are essential if the condition is to be caught in time to prevent permanent sight loss.

What is Glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that cause progressive damage of the optic nerve at the point where it leaves the eye to carry visual information to the brain.

If left untreated, most types of glaucoma progress (without warning nor obvious symptoms to the patient) towards gradually worsening visual damage and may lead to blindness. Once incurred, visual damage is mostly irreversible, and this has led to glaucoma being described as the "silent blinding disease" or the "sneak thief of sight".

Some forms of glaucoma may occur at birth ("congenital") or during infancy and childhood ("juvenile"); in most cases however, glaucoma appears from the age of 40, and its frequency increases with age. There is no clearly established difference in glaucoma incidence between men and women.

There is no cure for glaucoma as yet, and vision loss is irreversible. However medication or surgery (traditional or laser) can halt or slow-down any further vision loss. Therefore early detection is essential to limiting visual impairment and preventing the progression towards severe visual handicap or blindness.

It would be useful if we all made a greater effort to increase Glaucoma awareness for all of our families, friends, work colleagues and associates. Let us realise the importance of being informed about Glaucoma, especially if it is already in your own family.

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Members of Ormskirk RUFC held an open day at their base on Green Lane, with visitors being treated to not just three different games, but also a hog roast and cake and sweet stalls to help raise funds for the club. During the day the under 14s team played a Blacksticks Cup match against Fylde, the Junior Colts took on New Brighton, the ladies' team were pitched against Preston Grasshoppers, and the senior team had Eccles as their adversaries.

The afternoon concluded with the clubhouse showing that day's Six Nations game.

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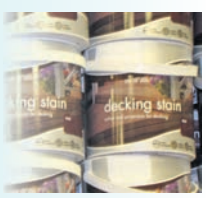

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The actual date is not fixed as it falls on the middle Sunday of Lent and so falls on different dates. It has even fallen on different months in the past.

Mother's Day is still celebrated by some by baking a Simnel cake which is a fruit cake layered with marzipan, decorated with eleven marzipan balls.

In the past Mother's Day has also been called some very interesting names. Mothering Sunday, 'Refreshment Sunday', Pudding Pie Sunday or 'Mid-Lent Sunday'.

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Ormskirk Theatre Company opens Hindle Wakes show

Report by Henry James

TWO new actors have joined Ormskirk Theatre Company's current production of Hindle Wakes by Stanley Houghton.

Lynn Rees and Emily Grogan can be seen giving their debut performances at Ormskirk Civic Hall from tonight (Wednesday, March 6) to Saturday, March 9 from 7.30pm.

The story is set during Wakes Week in the northern town of Hindle and Fanny Hawthorn, a lively, determined mill–girl, has spent the weekend in Blackpool with her friend Mary Hollins. At least, that's what she tells her parents. In fact, she's been in Wales with Alan Jeffcote, the wealthy mill–owner's son.

When her parents find out, they are determined that Alan should marry her, but Alan, his father, his fiancée and Fanny all have their own ideas on the matter.

Fanny shows a spirit way ahead of her time when she demands to be able to decide her own future.

Tickets are available online at ormskirktheatrecompany.co.uk or by calling in to Brighouse Wolff in Aughton St, Ormskirk.

For more information or to join the society, either as actor or backstage, or to book over the phone call Pat on 01704 809630.

The cast of Hindle Wakes Code NA

Parbold Chamber Choir lines up Easter concert

PARBOLD Chamber Choir is getting ready to perform its Easter concert later this month.

The concert, which will take place at St Michael's Church, Dalton on March 16, will feature mainly modern music but is based on themes and texts which are centuries old.

The choir will sing Howard Goodall's Requiem, Eternal Light, which was published in 2008. It features the hymn, Lead Kindly Light and the piece, In Flanders Fields.

Starting at 7.30pm the concert will also include Goodall's popular arrangement of The Lord is My Shepherd, which was the theme to the BBC series, The Vicar of Dibley.

In addition, they are performing an Easter meditation, Via Crucis. This piece, written in 1997 by Adrian Self, is said to have a haunting beauty and an appealing sense of spirituality.

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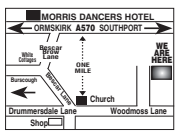

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

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Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **J.P.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 42389

Saint Jude's Novena

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The terms of the disposal are a transfer of the land in the Schedule to Ormskirk Tennis Club.

A plan showing the land in question can be inspected on weekdays during normal office hours at the address below. Any objections to the proposed disposal should be made to me at the address below by no later than 4pm on the 27th March 2013.

SCHEDULE
Land adjacent to Ormskirk Tennis Club, Ormskirk.

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Dated 6th March 2013

Terry Broderick
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Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor
6 March 2013.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Bescar Lane Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

No alternative route is available for vehicular traffic and cyclists affected by the closure.

Access for pedestrians will be maintained.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow signal maintenance works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative between 0001 hours and 0800 hours on Sunday 17 March 2013, or until completion of the works within this period.

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Public Realm Manager
Area Office, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BS
[Ref: HEM/226/8/815/GLH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2013/0140/CMA County Matter - The installation and operation of a 5mw bio-liquid to power generation facility at Springfield Environmental Ltd, Appley Lane Landfill Site, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2013/0145/COU Change of use to Business (Use Class B1), General Industrial (Use Class B2) and Storage and Distribution (Use Class B8) at Vehicle Testing Station, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood.
Application No: 2013/0151/CMA County Matter - Variation of condition 10 of permission 08/09/0494 to allow exportation of 25 000 tonnes of sandstone per year for general sale at Ibstock Brick Ltd, Dalton Lees Quarry, Lees Lane, Dalton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2013/0157/COU Change of use from takeaway to mixed use of restaurant and takeaway at The Cherry House , 150 County Road, Ormskirk.
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APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2013/0032/FUL Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 7 no. detached dwellings with off-street parking. Creation of new access road at 9 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2013/0136/FUL* Demolition of existing detached garage/ car port and conservatory and erection of a detached double garage/car port and orangery to rear at 34 Granville Park, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
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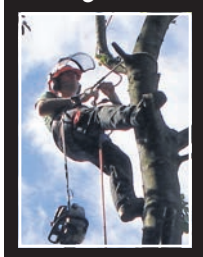

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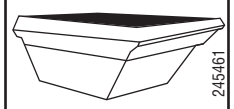

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SQUASHED tomatos and stew, and all that. In case you haven't seen all the birthday–themed graphics at the business end of this week's paper here's the news again – The Champion celebrates its 19th this week.

All of which got me thinking of some of the more memorable motoring anniversaries heading our way this year – there's a bonanza of bashes, for instance, to mark Aston Martin's centenary. There's also the Porsche 911, which is 50, and the Corvette, which storms to 60. A few rungs back down the ladder and you've got the thirtysomething Peugeot 205, and the Hillman Imp, which hits its 50th this year.

Oh, and the classic everyone loves to hate. Believe it or not, but life begins at forty for the Austin Allegro!

If Churchill had lived long enough to see the launch and chequered career of BL's slightly misguided replacement for the 1100 I'm sure he'd have reused one of his greatest lines to sum it up. Never, in the field of automotive history, have so many urban myths been peddled by so many about one car.

There is, for starters, the one about it being more aerodynamic going backwards than forwards, which is true but only when you consider that lots of car which have those pesky air intakes and radiator grilles on the front have the same problem. There's also the persistent rumours in classic car land about wheels falling off and rear windscreens popping out, but this seems to be more down to a slim minority ending up in the hands of bad mechanics than any inherant design problems.

Yet none of these compare to the weirdest Allegro anecdote – an Allegrodote, if you will – of all. Apparently, the Allegro is banned from both of the Mersey tunnels because its chassis is too weak to cope with the prospect of being pulled out again in the event of a breakdown (something, which I know from personal experience of owning British Leyland cars, isn't that unlikely a prospect). A great story, but as far as a bit of Champion research has showed so far, it's cobblers.

In fact, if you look at the rules and regulations covering the Kingsway and Queensway Tunnels (and there are, if you're feeling a bit of an anorak and don't have much of a social life, a lot to leaf through) there is not a single mention of the Austin Allegro being banned, or any other make or model of car. If you have any hard evidence to the contrary that doesn't begin with the words 'rumour has it...' by all means feel free to send it in but otherwise I can say there is absolutely no evidence to suggest the Allegro is banned from the Mersey tunnels.

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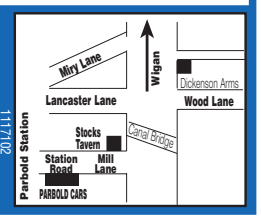

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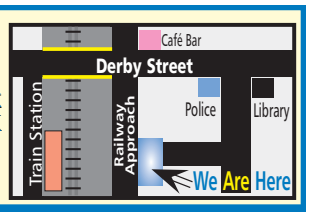

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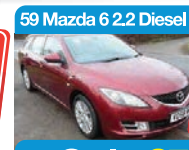

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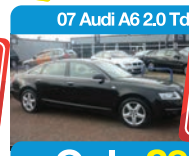

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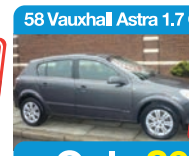

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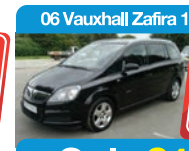

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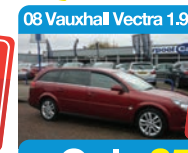

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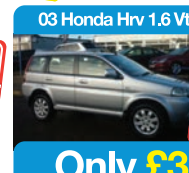

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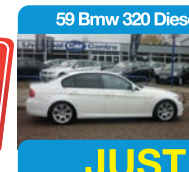

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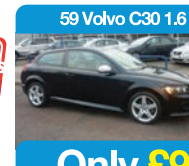

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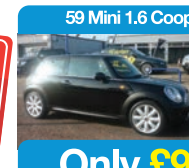

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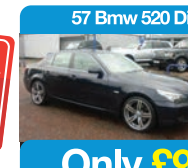

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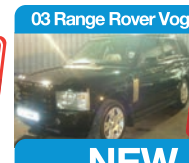

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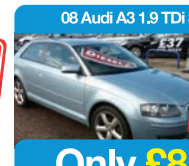

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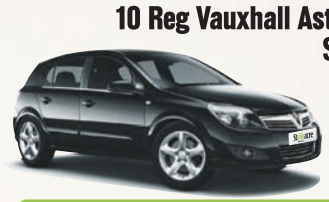

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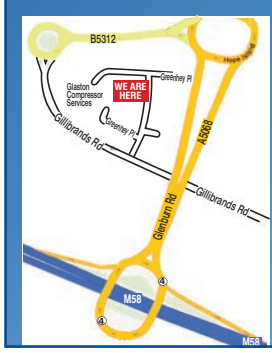

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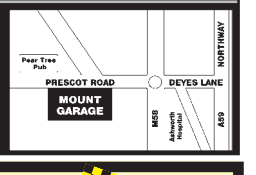

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The Tanner 1 Hare & Hounds 3: Dale Sealey opened the scoring after 22 minutes with Ryan Wallace adding the second and Sealey adding his second just before half time to put Hares firmly in command. The second half saw Tanner play some fine football but Hares were always comfortable and despite a consolation goal from Adam Baker in the 67th minute they eased through to another final.

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Another week on the road for Skem

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

TOMMY Lawson's Skelmersdale United will get very familiar with the various routes to Yorkshire over the next 10 days after they visit there three times during the period – with a difficult home game against Warrington Town in between.

The trips across 'The Tops' will have begun last night with a game at Harrogate Railway Athletic, but as usual we cannot tell you the result of that one.

What we do know, though, is that Tommy Lawson was due to include new signing Zac Aley among his number on the coach.

Zac is well known to Southport supporters, having started his career with the Sandgrounders and moved on to then FA Premier League, Blackburn Rovers. He has also played in the Football league for, among others, Morecambe so will be a very welcome and valuable addition to Skelmersdale's spirited squad of players.

Skem new boy Zac Aley

Saturday sees Warrington Town visit the West Lancashire College Stadium for a 3pm kick–off.

The Wire are managed by Shaun Reid, brother of former Everton, Manchester City and England midfielder, Peter. His more famous sibling is known to often take in Shaun's games so it's worth keeping an eye out for him.

Warrington have a group of experienced players and a potent strike force – including former Southport and Burscough marksman, Ciaran Kilheeney – so will not be taken lightly by Skelmersdale.

A Mark Jackson goal gave Skem a 1–0 win at Warrington back in January but it was a close affair and a repeat is expected again on Saturday.

The second trip to Yorkshire is to Ossett Albion next Tuesday (March 12) for a 7.45 kick–off.

Skem beat Albion at Stormy Corner back in September in a game that was marked by the competitive nature of the home side.

Albion are probably best described as young and hardworking, so again an interesting encounter awaits United in the land better known for its rhubarb sheds.

The third cross–Pennine trip is to Garforth Town on Saturday, March 16. There will more about that in next week's Champion.

Hughes' late goal keeps unbeaten home record intact

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 2
Goole 2

United were forced to dig deep as the visitors scored with their only two chances then clung onto a point and almost grabbed three.

That they did so was thanks to inspired goalkeeping, brave defending, a bit of luck and a centre forward in top form.

Goole took the lead with a Bill Law header from a free–kick. Josh Hine went close for Skem while Gary Burnett saw a shot scrape the post.

In the 27th minute a clumsy challenge on Kenny Strickland brought about a free–kick.

While Adam Morning's effort was blocked, he sent the rebound low into the goalmouth, Antony Hickey latched onto it, swivelled and put the ball low into the net.

In the 34th minute another free–kick was given on the left, as it was lifted in Skelmersdale's most reliable defender inexplicably slipped and hit the ground leaving Law to guide his now free header firmly into the corner of the net.

Just before the break Appleby made another great save from Hine and after the break he forced Burnett to shoot wide.

Appleby saved again, this time at Burnett's feet, before making a full length foil from the same player.

In the last ten minutes the Skem pressure became intense but Appleby made a superb diving save from a Phenix header and Evans went close with the rebound.

There was five minutes of added time and two minutes in Phenix shoulder–charged goalkeeper Appleby who had the ball in his hands.

There was then a five minute delay while Appleby got treatment to an ankle injury, and he was eventually he was replaced by Neale May, another goalkeeper.

After sixty seconds the ball was lifted into the box, there was an almighty scramble, Matty Hughes ran in from the right and despatched the ball low into the Goole net from 10 yards. for Skem to take a share of the points.

Linnets take home the points after quick smash and grab

Farsey 1
Burscough 2

TWO goals in three minutes were enough for Burscough to do a league double over Farsley and give the Yorkshire side's promotion push a big setback.

The Linnets gave Farsley a 5–1 hammering back in December, but it wasn't to be the case on Saturday when the home side struck first blood after 22 minutes, a corner by Shaun Maloney found Bambrook's head on the far post. Minutes later things would get worse the Burscough as Conor Roberts had to come off with a leg injury, although it was later confirmed to be not to be as serious as first thought.

The Greens started the second half once again under the cosh, the Farsley front line repeatedly threatened but with some impressive goalkeeping by Tim Horn.

Horn's good work was the turning point in the game and on after 69 minutes Burscough levelled. Some clever work by Jordan Williams saw him cut inside the Farsley defence and unleashed a thunderbolt which gave keeper Higginson no chance.

Then just three minutes later, with Farsley still stunned by the equaliser, they conceded again when Liam Caddick placed a curled effort from just inside the penalty area into the top corner to give the Greens a suprise lead

Farsley battled hard for a reply but with some more good defending, Burscough managed to complete the smash and grab raid to bring three points back to Lancashire.

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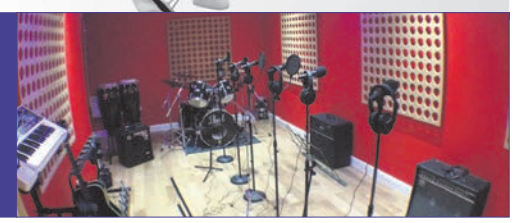

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